IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing the requested revisions is attached.

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1 (Amended). A method of obtaining a fibrinogen enriched preparation, the method. comprising the following steps:-

(i) adding an effective amount of a sulphated polysaccharide (SPS) to a fibrinogen containing solution to form a fibrinogen containing precipitate; and

(ii) extracting fibrinogen from the fibrinogen containing precipitate from step (i) with a solution containing at least 0.1 M, and preferably at least 0.2M, salt to obtain a fibrinogen enriched preparation.

2 (Amended). A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the fibrinogen containing solution is a blood plasma fraction.

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3 (Twice amended). A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the solution comprises at least one salt selected from the group consisting of chloride, phosphate and acetate salts.

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4 (Amended). A method as claimed in claim 3 in which the solution comprises NaCl.

B5 Conclude 5 (Amended). A method as claimed in claim 4 in which the NaCl is present at a concentration of from about 0.1M to about 2.0M.

B6 10 (Twice amended). A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the method further comprises the step of treating the fibrinogen enriched preparation to remove SPS or plasminogen.

11 (Twice amended). A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the method further comprises the step of subjecting the fibrinogen enriched preparation to a viral inactivation step.

B7 12 (Amended). A method as claimed in claim 11 in which the viral inactivation step comprises heating or solvent detergent treatment.

B8 Sub C2 14 (Amended). A method of obtaining a preparation enriched for fibronectin or Factor VIII, the method comprising the following steps:-

(i) adding an effective amount of a sulphated polysaccharide (SPS) to a fibrinogen containing blood plasma fraction preferably cryoprecipitate to form a fibrinogen containing precipitate;

(ii) extracting fibrinogen from the fibrinogen containing precipitate from step (i) with a solution containing at least 0.1 M, and preferably at least 0.2M, salt to obtain a fibrinogen enriched preparation;

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(iii) extracting fibronectin or Factor VIII from the fibrinogen enriched preparation obtained in step (ii).

Please add the following new claims:

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15 (New). A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the fibrinogen containing solution is a cryoprecipitate.

16 (New). A method as claimed in claim 4 in which the NaCl is present at a concentration of from about 0.2M to about 0.8M.

17 (New). A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the method further comprises the step of treating the fibrinogen enriched preparation to remove SPS and plasminogen.

18 (New). A method as claimed in claim 11 in which the viral inactivation step comprises heating and solvent detergent treatment.

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19 (New). A method as claimed in claim 14 in which, in step (i), the fibrinogen containing blood plasma fraction is cryoprecipitate.

20 (New). A method as claimed in claim 14 in which, in step (ii), the solution contains at least 0.2M salt to obtain said fibrinogen enriched preparation.